This lesson doesn’t focus on scripture, but it does refer to several (D&C 42:6; 88:81; and 112:19–22). Here are questions for those to which it refers.

**Doctrine and Covenants 42**

*Verse 6:* Why are those hearing this revelation commanded to go two by two? Are there several possible answers to that question?

Those preaching the gospel are commanded to lift up their voices “as with the sound of a trump.” Is that to say that they should be loud? What is the trumpet a symbol of in scripture? (Compare passages such as 1 Corinthians 15:52 and 1 Thessalonians 4:16.) What do you think trumpets were used for in the first-century-AD Mediterranean when this metaphor first entered scriptural vocabulary?

**Doctrine and Covenants 88**

*Verse 81:* This part of the revelation was originally addressed to “the first laborers in this last kingdom” (D&C 88:74). Who were the first laborers? What justifies our using it to refer to us and our obligations?
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Verse 19: The last part of this verse is a paraphrase of the first part of 1 Corinthians 16:9. Webster’s 1828 dictionary says that the word *effectual* means “producing an effect, or the effect desired or intended; or having adequate power or force to produce the effect.” How can a door be effectual? How does one produce effects?

Verse 20: What does “counselors for my name’s sake” mean?

How is it that the First Presidency were, as this verse says, counselors to Thomas B. Marsh? As the headnote for this section reminds us, he was president of the Quorum of the Twelve.

Verses 21–22: Today missionary calls come from the President of the Church. But it appears here that Thomas Marsh, President of the Twelve, was given the duty of calling missionaries, with consultation from the rest of the quorum. How much change has there been in the way in which missionaries are called? Is that change significant?

Those sent have power to “open the door of my kingdom unto any nation . . . inasmuch as they shall humble themselves before me, and abide in my word, and hearken to the voice of my Spirit.” What does it mean to open the door of the Lord’s kingdom to a nation?

Are humbling oneself before the Lord, abiding in his word, and listening to the Spirit three different things or three ways of saying the same thing? What does each phrase mean by itself?